

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The status of the claims is as set forth in the above listing of the claims. No new matter has been added. Applicants have canceled previously withdrawn claims 13, 16, 30, 33-34, 37-44, 48, 62, and 71 (originally misnumbered as claim 70) without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. SPECIFICATION

Applicants have amended the specification to correctly refer to the “receiving server” with reference number 724 instead of reference number 722.

II. OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS

Examiner has objected to the drawings, specifically to Figures 1 through 4 and Figure 7, as allegedly containing text that is not clearly legible. Applicants have attached replacement drawing sheets containing formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d). In addition, Applicants have corrected the inadvertent re-use of reference number 722 in Figure 7. The “receiving server” in Figure 7 is now labeled with reference number 724.

III. OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

Examiner has objected to the claim numbering because claim number 67 was inadvertently used twice in the listing of the claims. Applicants thank Examiner for renumbering misnumbered claims 67 (second occurrence) through 70 as claims 68-71.

IV. REJECTIONS BASED ON SECTION 102(b)

Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 11-12, 15, 17, 20-21, 23, 28-29, 32, 45-47, and 49-52 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,230,190 to Edmonds et al. (“Edmonds”).

Applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 11-12, 15, 17, 20-21, 23, 28-29, 32, 45-47, and 49-52 without prejudice.

V. REJECTIONS BASED ON SECTION 103(a)

Examiner has rejected claims 5-8, 18-19, 24-26, 35-36, 53-55, 59-61, 63-65, and 69-70 as allegedly unpatentable over Edmonds in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,149,769 to Lubbers et al. Applicants have canceled claims 5-8, 18-19, 24-26, 35-36, 53-55, 59-61, 63-65, and 69-70 without prejudice.

VI. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Examiner has indicated that dependent claims 9-10, 14, 22, 27, 31, 56-58, and 66-68 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claims 9 and 14 in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim 1. Applicants have rewritten claims 22, 27, and 31 in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim 20. Applicants have rewritten claim 56 in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim 53. Applicants have rewritten claims 66 and 68 in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim 63. In addition, the base claim language found in claims 1 and 20 has been modified to further clarify and define the claimed subject matter. These amendments are not for purposes of patentability but instead are for purposes of form only. Accordingly, the doctrine of equivalents shall be applicable in the enforcement of these claims against infringers to its fullest extent, without regard to case law that might otherwise circumscribe the application of the doctrine of equivalents in cases where claims have been amended for purposes related to patentability. Dependent claims 10, 57-58, and 67 each now depend directly or indirectly from one of these rewritten independent claims. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-10, 14, 22, 27, 31, 56-58, and 66-68, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

VII. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowability for these claims. No fees are believed to be due. If any fees are determined to be due, however, the Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 13-0480, referencing Attorney Docket No. PST-003.

Respectfully submitted,

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